

SWIFT SWOOP ON KNIGHTS OF GREEN CLOTH

Sheriff's Office Makes Raid
On Six Places Where It Is
Alleged Gambling Has
Been Conducted for Some
Months

NET WAS LAID VERY CAREFULLY

Fifteen Defendants Said to
Be Proprietors of Per-
centage Games Were
Taken Into Custody Late
Yesterday Afternoon

A raid on the half dozen places where it was suspected and had been alleged gambling had been conducted more or less secretly for a long time, was pulled off by the sheriff's office yesterday afternoon, and fifteen persons alleged to have been connected with games as operators or proprietors were taken into custody. In the haul were representatives of six places: The Pickwick club whose rooms are over the old Valley bank building at the corner of Wall and Washington streets, the Arizona, the Simko House and E. J. Doyle's place, all on the corner of North Center street, the Hotel Adams and the Bonner Hotel.

The defendants are: Pickwick club, Fred R. Marsh, Harry Green and Fred Gunders.

Edith Doyle's place, E. J. Doyle and George E. Goffrey.

The Arizona, Dan A. Mahle, J. J. McNair, C. C. Larkin and E. A. Fleming.

The Hotel Adams, J. C. Adams and Bert Linfear.

Shaw's Smoke House, C. T. Love and J. H. Eastwood.

Bonner Hotel, Wiley Moore and D. C. Carl.

In every case the defendants were charged with gambling and with maintaining a place where percentage games are played. A third charge is made against Eastwood of conducting a gambling place at the Wharton. The bond of each defendant was fixed at \$500 which was furnished so that Judge Beaman's desk was filled with checks amounting to \$2,000, beside \$1,000 in surety bonds. All the defendants pleaded not guilty. After they have had time to consult counsel the date of trials will be fixed.

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FOUR HUNDRED BELIEVED LOST

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
RIO JANEIRO, March 6.—It is feared here that 400 lives have been lost by the sinking of the Spanish steamship Principe de Asturias. The steamer remained afloat only a short time after striking a shoal off San Sebastiao, and there was little time for the escape of passengers and crew in the boats. Steamers have gone out to search for additional survivors. 143 of the passengers and crew already having been landed at Santos.

Say 103 Are Lost
BRENOS AIRES, March 6.—The agents of the Spanish trans-Atlantic line have received reports that about 100 persons lost their lives in the sinking of the steamship Principe de Asturias off the coast of Brazil. Details of the disaster, however, are lacking.

Newton D. Baker Named As New Secretary of War

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
WASHINGTON, March 6.—Newton D. Baker, former mayor of Cleveland, has been selected by President Wilson for secretary of war. His nomination will go to the senate tomorrow and administration leaders expect quick confirmation so the new secretary may take active charge of the war department's plans for army increases and reorganization.

Mr. Baker is a lawyer, and as a leader among Ohio democrats has been a warm supporter of the Wilson policies since the pre-convention campaign in 1912.

He has been a close personal friend of Mr. Wilson since the latter was his instructor years ago at Johns Hopkins university, and was offered the post of secretary of the interior in the original Wilson cabinet, but declined because he then was mayor. He is understood to be in thorough accord with the president on the preparedness program and foreign questions.

An offer of the war secretaryship was made to Mr. Baker by telegraph several days ago after the president had spent more than three weeks carefully going over a long list of those suggested to succeed Secretary Garrison. Mr. Baker accepted and upon

GERMANS MAKE SOME ADVANCES BUT FRENCH REPORT NEW SUCCESSES

WEEDSBURN IS OUT OF DANGER

GOLD BEACH, Oregon, March 6.—The movement of the great earth slide which threatened Seaside and yesterday wrecked the town of Weedsburn, on the south bank of the Rogue river opposite the mouth of the Rogue river, had subsided tonight and immediate danger was thought to have passed. Some of the residents who had fled their homes returned to them, but others remained here for safety. The slide was caused by unusually heavy rains. Examination today disclosed that forty acres of loose hillside above the town had moved three feet, leaving an irregular crack at the edge of the town. Small slides had come down the hill two yards to within a half mile of Weedsburn. One slide cut the town's water system out of commission.

STUDY NEW MOVE IN SUBMARINE NEGOTIATIONS

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

WASHINGTON, March 6.—With the appointment to Germany's declaration of the new submarine campaign against armed merchant ships of her enemies before them, the administration is preparing to determine the next move of the United States in the negotiations with the Central European powers. According to present plans diplomatic negotiations on the subject are to follow a settlement of the controversy in congress.

Because of the necessity of translating some of the documents appended to the German declaration, Secretary Lansing and President Wilson have not yet had an opportunity to consider them in their entirety.

All the documents probably will be ready for their perusal tomorrow. Colonel E. M. House, who returned yesterday after visiting officials in London, Paris and Berlin for President Wilson, is understood to have told the president and Secretary Lansing today that the German government believed itself justified in its new submarine policy and was not bluffing.

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SEVEN MORE SHIPS AND NAVY OF AMERICA EQUAL OF GERMANY

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

WASHINGTON, March 6.—Three dreadnaughts and four battle cruisers added to the American fleet, built and authorized, would make it the equal in fighting strength of the present German fleet. Admiral Fletcher, commander of the Atlantic fleet, declared today before the house naval committee. While Germany has seven battle cruisers and the United

States none, the admiral said, the 35 first class battleships of the navy department would be an equal superior to anything the navy could build of them, possibly three, would more than offset the seven German battle cruisers of all types, three additional dreadnaughts and seven battle cruisers. Admiral Fletcher thought "we could reasonably expect to make a good defense, although not an absolute one" of both coasts against any combination of two enemy powers that did not include Great Britain.

The admiral said that he and a majority of the higher officers of the navy disapproved the personnel board's proposal to substitute promotion by selection for the seniority system. He said that if the president were authorized to transfer four per cent of the captains, commanders and lieutenant commanders to the reserve list, compelling them to continue work abroad as instructors in military schools or on other work for the government, the navy for promotion of efficient officers would be open without additional expense.

The present system of selection of high commands and bureau heads, he said, provided a sure way of putting the right man in the right place.

Admiral Fletcher thought that the training and education of all navy officers was so nearly identical that to make selection among the officers in any grade of those qualified for promotion, as proposed, would be a difficult task. There were little to choose among 50 per cent of the men in any grade, he added, all being required to be experts in many subjects such as seamanship, gunnery, engineering and to have in addition a knowledge of international law beyond that of the average lawyer. As a natural process, he explained, many now specialized along the lines to which they felt the most attraction and were appointed to posts that would get the best results for the navy from that study.



Newton D. Baker

Record Repulsion of German Attempt to Debouch from Captured Positions and Driving of Teutons from Another Trench

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

Further advances by the Germans in the Verdun region and in Champagne are told of in the latest French official communication, which, however, also records successes in repelling a German attempt to debouch further from captured positions, the driving of the Teutons out of the trench they had taken, and the hammering with the French big guns of German organizations.

After having vigorously shelled the region between Bethincourt and the Meuse, the Germans in a strong infantry attack captured the village of Forges, about nine miles northwest of Verdun. Not satisfied with the gain, they several times assayed to debouch from the village against the Cote de Lore, but the French counter-attacks forced them back to the village and held them there.

In Champagne the right and left flank of the French were attacked by the Germans in the region between Mont Titi and Malmaison de Champagne. At the former point the French fire kept the Germans to their trenches, but near Malmaison the Champagne they succeeded in occupying a small section of St. French trench.

In the Argonne the French blew up a German post near Courtes Chaussees with a mine and captured a portion of the crater. Near Haute Chaussees the Germans sprang two mines and later entered the French trenches at several points. Counter attacks, however, drove them out and the French also occupied a portion of the mine crater.

Except for the infantry attacks at Forges, the guns on both sides in the Verdun region have been doing all the work. To the southwest of Metz, near Font-a-Moussins, the French artillery has heavily damaged German positions.

The Russians, under cover of the fire of their fleet at last have been able to make a landing on the Black sea coast to the east of Trebizond, capturing the towns of Alma and Marzouk, and driving off the Turks who occupied them. Two officers and 100 men were taken prisoner, and two guns and a quantity of munitions were captured.

Considerable fighting between the Russians and the Germans has taken place in northwest Russia, the Russian artillery smashing the German trenches in the thick forest and dispersing scouting parties in the vicinity of Friedland.

During the heavy rains andavalanche fighting was almost ceased on the Austro-Italian front.

British reports that in the Zeppelin raid over England Sunday night, the last several bombs were bombed with effect. All the German aircraft returned safely. A British official report says that Yorkshire, Lincoln-

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EIGHTEEN DEAD, MANY BURNED IN GASOLINE BATH

Lighted Match Causes Death and Injuries When Inflammable Liquid Used to Kill Lice Becomes Ignited In El Paso City Jail—Surgeons Say Death List Will Probably Reach Twenty—Flash of Flame Bursts from Tank In Which Prisoners, Including Many Mexicans Are Being Given Disinfecting Bath to Prevent Spread of Disease from Mexico

EL PASO, March 6.—Eighteen dead, eleven probably fatally burned and a score or more seriously injured, was the toll of an explosion and fire late today at the city jail. The name of one American is included in the list of dead and twelve are numbered among those seriously burned. Surgeons said tonight that the death list would probably reach thirty, and that many of the injured would not live more than a few hours.

A flash of flame burst from tanks in which prisoners, including many Mexicans, were being given disinfecting baths in the campaign to prevent the spread of disease from Mexico. A match, lighted by one of the "bathers" in disregard of orders, was said by officials to have caused the explosion and fire.

H. C. Bagby, one of the "trusties" on guard at the time, made a statement to Mayor Tom Lea tonight in which he declared that a match had been lighted by H. M. Cross, an American prisoner who died of his injuries. Mayor Lea immediately ordered an investigation and arrangements were made for a coroner's inquest tomorrow to determine the cause.

Firemen, quartered in another part of the building, quickly extinguished the blaze.

The blaze started from a flash of hospital, Dr. G. B. Cahman, chief police surgeon, was slightly injured. The disinfecting tanks were placed near the doorway leading to the police hospital. The burst of flames blew out doors and windows and the blaze swept the hospital, rendering it unusable and useless for the press of "emergency" work which followed.

On fire from head to foot, the male victims dashed into the streets and allies surrounding the prison. Several (Continued on Page Nine)

ONE IS DROWNED WHEN AUTO PLUNGES OFF CORONADO FERRY

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
SAN DIEGO, March 6.—An automobile carrying three men plunged off the Coronado ferry boat tonight and one of the occupants, Benjamin Crockett, was drowned. The other two, Robert Heintz and E. S. Webb were rescued. Crockett's body was recovered.

According to witnesses, Webb who was at the wheel, drove the machine upon the boat as it lay in the slip and without apparently making any effort to stop, continued on through the boat, the automobile crashing through the safety chains and toppling into the water. Four sailors of the United States navy who rode to the ferry slip with Webb, jumped out of the machine as it slid upon the boat, and another passenger, a civilian, leaped before the machine shot into the water.

Crockett formerly was associated with Tex. Richard and James Coffey in sporting ventures.

GUN PLAY FIGURES IN CLAIM JUMPING

Reports of Mining Claims Clash Brought to San Bernardino

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
SAN BERNARDINO, March 6.—Reports of a threatened clash of armed forces over the possession of gold mining claims on the San Bernardino county desert five miles northeast of Pahrump, Cal., a station on the Archibald, Tonopah and Santa Fe railroad, were brought here tonight by Douglas Shaw, one of the persons owning property involved in the alleged controversy.

Shaw declared that a party of Los Angeles men, who own claims adjoining those in which he and other San Bernardino men were interested, took possession of the cabin of the latter last night. Shaw says he and his associates forced them to leave at the point of guns.

Shaw left the desert last night and came here to get men to reinforce Donald Brown and Thomas Wilson whom he left on the claims. He stated that Wayland Shaw, John Mesplay and Frank Kelt, all residents of San Bernardino would go to the desert tonight to join Brown and Wilson. He claimed their property was being sought because it is a source of water supply, as well as being valuable for mining.

He said the Los Angeles party was planning to establish a townsite. Ellis Muller, C. M. Day, W. B. Reynolds and W. B. Hudson were in the Los Angeles party, Shaw said.

AMERICAN MOTORMAN SHOT IN JUAREZ

EL PASO, Texas, March 6.—Charles Phillips, an American motorman, was shot and seriously wounded while running his car in Juarez tonight by an unidentified man. The shooting, according to Andrews Garcia, Mexican consul here, followed a report circulated in Juarez that 200 Mexicans had been killed and burned to death here.

Garcia said that General Garcia Garcia had ordered soldiers to maintain order. Eighteen American cars aboard the car fled when the shooting began.

Phillips was removed to a hospital here where it was said his condition was critical. Car service was suspended after the shooting and was not resumed during the night. Andrews Garcia, Mexican consul here, said a determined effort was being made to apprehend the assailant of the motorman.

VILLA IS BUT SIX MILES FROM U. S. BORDER

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

EL PASO, Texas, March 6.—Francisco Villa is within six miles of the United States border en route to Washington, where he will seek an interview with President Wilson, according to a message received tonight by General Gabriel Garcia, commander at Juarez, who transmitted the report through Andrews Garcia, Mexican consul here to General John Pershing, commander in chief, United States troops along the border.

General Garcia's advice stated that Villa would seek to evacuate himself of blame in connection with the Santa Ysabel massacre in which eighteen Americans were killed last January and would further endeavor to place before President Wilson his position with reference to the present situation in Mexico. The message said that Villa has camped a few miles south of Columbus, N. M.

Is Near El Tigre

BOULDER, Ariz., March 6.—General Francisco Villa, with five hundred (Continued on Page Five)

REPORT FALL OF OAXACA

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

MEXICO CITY, March 6.—The fall yesterday of the city of Oaxaca, the last stronghold of the reactionaries, is announced tonight in extra editions of El Democrata, the Germana governmental organ.

Before evacuating the city the defending forces set fire to the principal buildings in an endeavor to destroy the city. Their attempts were only partly successful. The forces of

DEBATE STARTS ANew ON ARMED SHIPS PROBLEM

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of Administration Had
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House Engages In Spirit-
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WILL PROBABLY VOTE TODAY

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[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

WASHINGTON, March 6.—On the eve of what friends of the administration have planned as the final fight to end agitation in the house over the question of armed merchant ships, debate on the subject broke out on the house floor late today and continued hotly for more than an hour. When it was over there seemed to be more of a partisan alignment than at any time since the issue arose.

Representative Mann of Illinois, the republican leader, and Representative Leonard of Wisconsin, republican member of the rules committee, gave notice that they would oppose the rule tomorrow under which it is proposed to table the McLennan warning resolution after ninety minutes of debate on the rule and four hours discussion of the resolution itself. On the other hand, Chairman Flood of the foreign affairs committee, who had been understood to favor a warning resolution, voiced an appeal to all patriotic congressmen to stand by the president.

Realizing this task ahead of them, the administration whips sent out calls to all absent democrats within reach to hurry to Washington in time for the vote tomorrow. The president's supporters believe that a large majority of the democrats, as well as many republicans, will stand together to put through the rule and kill the McLennan resolution. There will be formidable opposition, both in and out of the party, however, and the influence of William J. Bryan is being taken into account as a big factor to be dealt with.

Fourteen representatives and two senators met at lunch today with Mr. Bryan in the private dining room of a hotel near the capitol and discussed matters generally. What happened there remained a secret, except that Representatives Bailey of Pennsylvania, who was the host, said no general (Continued on Page Five)

CLAIM FARMER KILLED EIGHT

Evidence Shows Daniel
Okane Murdered Family,
Committed Suicide

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
LAWTON, Okla., March 6.—Testimony tending to show that Daniel Okane, a farmer, killed seven members of his family and then took his own life, was introduced before a coroner's jury which late today held an inquest at the Okane home near here, where a negro farm hand this morning found the bodies of six of the murdered persons with Okane, fatally shot, lying beside them. Okane died tonight in a hospital.

Witnesses testified that Okane frequently had quarreled with his aged father, James Okane, and gave their belief that the strained relations existing between son and father caused Daniel Okane to become temporarily insane.

The dead: Mrs. Daniel Okane, the five Okane children, Lewis 12; Daniel, 8; Margaret, 7; Lillian, 5; a baby, Robert; James Okane, 75; and Daniel Okane, about 48.

The children's heads had been crushed with a hammer, and the throats of the four older children had been cut with a razor. Mrs. Okane's head had been crushed with a hammer and she also had been shot. The elder Okane and Daniel Okane and the baby, Robert, also had bullet wounds through their heads.